

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 39 and 40 as shown below.

Fig. 12 shows a variation of Fig. 8. In Fig. 12, stopper 542B is assembled on supporting arm 542C, and is fitted into a groove which is formed on the periphery of supporting member 551B, therefore, supporting member 552B 551B can move up and down, and can rotate freely, under the fitted condition. In Fig. 12, coiled spring 552B pushes supporting member 551B upward so that pressure applying roller 510 comes into pressure contact with heating roller 500. Next, when supporting arm 542C is lowered, the length of coiled spring 552B gradually increases from a compressed condition, and finally coiled spring 552B comes into contact with stopper 542B, and after that, the entire length of coiled spring 552B does not increase. When supporting arm 542C is further lowered, pressure applying roller 510 is separated from heating roller 500, and the predetermined clearance between pressure applying roller 510 and heating roller 500 is reached. In this case, a buffering section (which is not illustrated) is attached between coiled spring 552B and supporting member 551B in order to decrease the

friction between them. Further in Fig. 12, in order to support coiled spring 552B, a spacer or a spring receptor (which is not illustrated) is located between the lowest end of coiled spring 552B and supporting lever 540.